

## REMARKS

Response is hereby made to the Office Action dated May 22, 2003, for which the period for response has been extended by one month to September 22, 2003. *Although no additional fee or extension of time is believed to be required by this Response, the Commissioner is authorized and requested provide any additional extensions of time and/or to debit any fees that may be required by this Response (including any fees for additional claims or extensions of time) from Deposit Account No. 50-2091 to avoid abandonment of this Application.*

By this Response, Applicant has cancelled all prior-pending claims without prejudice or disclaimer, and has added new claims 40-52. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 40-52 (3 independent and 9 dependent claims) remain pending the application. No new matter is submitted with this Response. *Applicant has not amended the Application to distinguish prior art, but rather to clarify the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant does not wish to surrender any legal equivalents to which it might otherwise be entitled.*

Substitute sheets for each of the drawing figures (FIGS. 1-4) are submitted with this Response. These drawing figures incorporate Applicant's changes submitted in the preliminary amendment, which were approved by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicant has not substantively changed the drawing figures in any way by this Amendment.

The Office Action rejects each of the prior-pending claims 18-31 under 35 USC § 101, claiming that such claims are substantial duplicates of Applicant's issued claims in US Patent No. 6,081,638. Without consenting to the rejection, Applicant has cancelled all prior-pending claims and submitted entirely new claims with this Response. Reconsideration of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

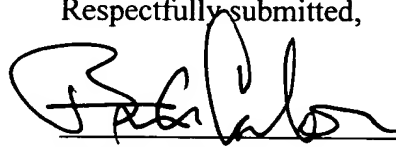
Applicant has addressed each of the concerns set forth in the Office Action, and all of the pending claims are therefore believed to be allowable. Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal the rejections set forth in the Office Action, and allowance of each of the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application,  
Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (480) 385-5060 or  
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett A. Carlson", written over a horizontal line.

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